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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1878.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

PAID DEBTS.

Paid State tax,	$668 00	
County tax,	380 71	
Indian Head Bank,	250 00	
I McQuesten, note,	121 00	
N. Tuttle,	153 02	
		$1,572 73

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	$143 30	
" " 2,	190 26	
" " 3,	191 66	
" " 4,	66 12	
" " 5,	19 39	
		$610 73

PAUPERS.

Paid county of Hillsborough, support of P. G. Melvin,	$131 35
J. L. Senter, moving G. W. Hazzard,	5 00

Paid E. Tandy, house rent for G. W. Hazzard,	$15 00	
H. J. Senter, house rent for G. W. Hazzard,	7 50	
G. B. Griffin, goods for G. W. Hazzard, March, 1877,	3 09	
J. Parker, provisions for Mr. Snell 1876,	65	
I McQuesten, keeping tramps,	11 50	
J. Goodspeed, " "	11 00	
C. H. Hopkins, " "	3 50	
G. L. Doughty, " "	2 00	
		$190 59

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid I. N. Center, Town Clerk,	$12 00	
Abbie M. Center, Superintending School Committee,	15 00	
I. McQuesten, Selectman,	22 00	
J. W. Goodspeed, "	20 00	
J. L. Senter, "	15 00	
C. McQuesten, Treasurer,	10 00	
L. L. Daniels, Collector of taxes,	35 00	
		$129 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid H. W. McQuesten, work done in March and April, 1877,	$10 00
G. G. Andrews, work done in March and April, 1877,	2 33

Paid F. Hill, work done in March and April, 1877,	$1 65	
J. L. Senter, work done in March and April, 1877,	17 50	
A. Cutler, work done in March and April, 1877,	1 00	
J. L. Senter, work done in March and April, 1876,	9 25	
M. B. Towns, lumber,	1 00	
Melendy Brothers, lumber,	16 24	
Mrs. L. Bixby, gravel,	7 50	
Horace Center, "	10 00	
	——	$76 47

SUNDRY BILLS.

Paid M. V. B. Greene, printing reports, 1877,	$15 00	
J. Carnes, repairing hearse,	9 00	
N. P. Bullock, services as sexton,	10 00	
R. Butterfield, bounty on 2 foxes,	1 00	
F. Corning, " " 4 "	2 00	
S. D. Leach, " " 1 "	50	
" " " abatement poll tax,	76	
N. C. Griffin, abatement of G. W. Hazzard's tax,	1 50	
W. Corning, abatement dog tax,	1 00	
C. McQuesten, damage to sheep by dogs,	2 00	
I. McQuesten, for nails, hinges, stationery, books, express, posts and glass for town house as per bill,	6 25	
	——	$49 01

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State tax,	$668 00	
County tax,	380 71	
Indian Head Bank,	250 00	
I. McQuesten, on note,	121 00	
N. Tuttle, on note,	153 02	
Schools,	610 78	
Paupers,	190 59	
Town officers,	129 00	
Highways,	76 49	
Sundry bills,	49 01	
Whole amount paid,		$2,628 60
Received of L. L. Daniels, collector,	$1,369 96	
Savings bank tax,	655 24	
Railroad tax,	121 80	
Literary fund money,	25 80	
N. Tuttle,	200 00	
Indian Head bank,	243 80	
County of Hillsborough,	12 00	
		$2,628 60
Whole amount charged collector,		$1,369 96
Paid treasurer,		1,369 96

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due I. McQuesten on note,	$73 65	
N. Tuttle "	53 08	
Total liabilities March, 1878,		$126 73
" " " 1877,		171 69
Decrease of town debt,		$44 96

CHARLES McQUESTEN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. I.

H. W. McQuesten, *Prudential Committee.*

No report can be made of the Summer term of this District, except the figures found in a register returned for both terms. As the teacher did not present herself to be legally qualified for the school it was thought "it would be compromising the dignity of the Superintending Committee to run after her."

Fall Term—Taught by Miss O. M. Smith, who, perhaps, tried to do her best, and had her discipline been less mild the result would have been more satisfactory. Geo. D. McQuesten and Frank J. McQuesten were perfect in attendance during the Fall term.

DISTRICT NO. II.

F. H. McQuesten, *Prudential Committee.*

Miss Jennie F. McQuesten taught the Summer and Fall terms of this District. The school appeared well at both examinations. The services of Miss M. W. Griffin were obtained for the Winter term, during which she fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher.

Mary L. Marsh, Walter McQuesten and Orville D. Annis made the greatest improvement in Penmanship. Selah C. Bixby and Fred H. Putnam were number one in their respective spelling classes. Mary L. Marsh, E. Maud Page, Georgia Saunders, Walter T. McQuesten, Fred H. Putnam, Bertie Putnam, Francis Bignet and Joseph Bignet were not tardy.

DISTRICT NO. III.

F. C. Barrett, *Prudential Committee.*

Miss Emma J. Mears teacher during the school year. Her school appeared quiet and orderly when visited and each class recited well. A class in Grammar deserves special mention. Nothing shows care more than the writing books, and those of this district were particularly neat and well kept.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

P. A. Reid, Jr., *Prudential Committee.*

Miss Ella Oliver taught the Summer term of this school. Miss Oliver was inexperienced as a teacher. Good order was maintained and the progress in the studies pursued commendable. Your committee tried to do her duty as teacher of the Fall term of this district. The kind treatment and respectful courtesy of scholars and parents will always be cherished in her memory.

In the Fall term Laura F. Corning and Minnie R. Richardson were perfect in attendance. Clara B. Corning, Laura F. Corning, Edith R. Leach, Sadie E. Whittemore, Minnie R. Richardson and Alice J. Richardson did not whisper during the term.

In reporting the condition of our schools it may be well to notice the fact that the money expended for their support is some twenty per cent. or more less than last year. Each term that was ten weeks in length last year would be only eight this year. Nothing is lost by being liberal in the support of education, and although the "hard times" demand economy in all the branches of public service, we must remember that our common schools, the institution that lies nearest every heart, should be the last to suffer for want of means.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. CENTER,

S. S. Committee of Litchfield.

Report of the Superintending School Committee of Litchfield, Mar. 5, 1878.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Kind of Term.	Teachers.	No. of Weeks of School.	Number of Scholars.	No. in Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Composition.	U. S. History.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Physiology.	Drawing.	Vocal Music.	Average Attendance.	No. of Visits of Citizens.	Wages of Teachers per Month.
1	Summer.	Miss O. M. Smith	10	15	15	15	11	11	10	3	4							12 3-5	18	$28 00
	Fall.	" " " "	9	15	15	15	12	12	8	3	5	2						12 29 45	10	28 00
2	Summer.	Miss J. F. McQuesten	10	8	9	9	8	8	3	4								7	5	24 00
	Fall.	" " " "	8	16	16	16	12	13	12	4								12	5	24 00
	Winter.	Miss M. W. Griffin	11 4-5	18	18	18	15	16	11	6	12	2	2			6	18	11	16	30 00
3	Summer.	Miss E. J. Mears	9	14	14	14	12	11	9	5		1		1	3			13	16	26 00
	Fall.	" " " "	16	21	21	21	18	17	9	7		3	1	5	4			15	25	28 00
4	Summer.	Miss Ella Oliver	8	9	9	9	7	8	6	3			1		1			8	8	* 13 00
	Fall.	Miss M. A. Center	10	9	9	9	8	8	7	4	2						9	7 9-49	16	* 18 00

*Exclusive of Board.